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SUBJECT: CHARLES REICHLING NAMED NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA

1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER THORN
NAMED CHARLES REICHLING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A POSITION WHICH HAS THE STATUS OF DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER PRESENT GOL ORGANIZATION. REICHLING
REPLACED PIERRE WURTH WHO MOVED TO BRUSSELS TO BECOME LUXEM-
BOURG'S AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND NATO (LUXEMBOURG 0416).
REICHLING WILL BE REPLACED AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS BY HIS FORMER DEPUTY JEAN
SCHLEICH. BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF REICHLING AND SCHLEICH
FOLLOW.

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2. REICHLING--CHARLES REICHLING WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 5.
1922, AT ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE AND ATTENDED PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN LUXEMBOURG. HE GRADUATED FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELIER WITH LAW AND ENGINEERING DEGREES
IN 1946. FROM 1947-50 HE PRACTICED LAW IN LUXEMBOURG,
SERVING ALSO AS LEGAL ADVISOR AND CHEF DE CABINET TO THE

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1950 AND WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY SECUNDED TO THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF TOURS AT THE OECD IN PARIS AND AT THE EEC IN GENEVA, REICHLING REMAINED AS A LUXEMBOURG REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN THE EEC UNTIL 1973. FROM 1965 TO 1973 HE WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE EEC COMMISSION IN LUXEMBOURG. IN 1973 HE RETURNED TO THE LUXEMBOURG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT AS MFA SECRETARY GENERAL.

--REICHLING IS A FRIENDLY BUT SOMEWHAT INTROVERTED MAN WHO TAKES HIS WORK AND HIS CAREER VERY SERIOUSLY. HE IS INTELLIGENT, COMPENTENT AND EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN A CANDIDATE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR AN IVP GRANT TO THE UNITED STATES, HE HAS NEVER FOUND TIME TO MAKE THE TRIP AND HAS ONLY VISITED THE UNITED STATES ON BRIEF STOPOVERS IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND ANCHORAGE. REICHLING SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH AND GERMAN AND IS FAIRLY FLUENT IN ENGLISH. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVERAL GROWN CHILDREN.

3. SCHLEICH--JEAN SCHLEICH, 42 YEARS OLD, WAS BORN IN EXCH-SUR-ALZETTE AND RECEIVED HIS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN LUXEMBOURG. HE HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NANCY, FRANCE. AFTER WORKING FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SHORT TIME AS A NOTARY, SCHLEICH ACCEPTED A POST (1959) IN THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY AS ASSISTANT CHEF-DE-CABINET TO THE MINISTER OF ECONOMICS. IN THAT POST HE HELPED DRAFT THE LIVERAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE LEGISLATION THAT HAS ATTRACTED MANY U. S. FIRMS TO LUXEMBOURG. SCHLEICH, WHOSE FIRST INTEREST HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MOVED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1964. AFTER A SHORT STINT IN THE MFA, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE LUXEMBOURG MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WHERE HE SPENT EIGHT YEARS, FINALLY BECOMING AMBASSADOR DONDELINGER'S DEPUTY. RETURNING TO LUXEMBOURG IN 1972, HE ASSUMED THE POST OF DEPUTY TO CHARLES REICHLING, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE. HE HAS SERVED AS THE GOL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IEA AND THE EC GROUPS DEALING WITH ENERGY MATTERS; HE OFTENS ATTENDS THE EC 113 TRADE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ACTS AS DELEGATE TO BLEU AND BENELUX CONFERENCES.

--SCHLEICH, WHOSE FIRST TRIP TO THE U. S. WAS AS A MEMBER OF THE GOL DELEGATION TO THE 1973 WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, IS FRIENDLY AND OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY. LIKE MOST LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS, HE IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, OFTEN TO THE POINT OF SHOWING CON-
SIDERABLE IRRITABILITY OVER THE FOOT DRAGGING OF HIS EUROPEAN
COLLEAGUES. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS NO CHILDREN. HIS
ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN ARE EXCELLENT. LOWENSTEIN

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